



PEARL CITY NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 21

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DRAFT MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2006 HIGHLANDS INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL CAFETERIA

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Albert Fukushima called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m., with a quorum of seven (7) members present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jerilyn Anderton (arrived at 8:02 p.m.), Sol Ray Duncan, Albert Fukushima, Kevin Furutani, May Imamura-Uruu, Myrtle Nyuha, Davin Takahashi, Cruz Vina, Jr.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Marin Bogema, Sheila Fukuda, David Howton, James Pickard, Sr.

GUESTS: Acting Captain J. Love, Firefighter 1 J. Wadahara (Honolulu Fire Department – Waiau Station); Lt. G. DeMello, Capt. L. Go (Honolulu Police Department – Pearl City Station); Lan Yoneda (Board of Water Supply); Mike Pecsok (Leeward Community College – Dean for Academic Services); Scott Ishikawa (State Department of Transportation – Spokesperson); Donahue Fujii (Sam's Club); Claire Nakamura (Governor's representative – Deputy Director of the State Department of Public Safety); Isaac Hokama (Mayor's representative – Special Assistant to the Mayor); Robert Sato (Councilmember Okino's Office staff); Larry Takahashi (Senator Nishihara's Office staff); Reid Seino (Representative Takumi's Office staff); Representative K. Mark Takai; Brett Bulseco (Pearl City Community Youth); Gary Omori (Public Involvement Team for Honolulu High Capacity Transit Corridor Project); David Bremer (Hawaii Bicycling League); Kevin Kinvig (National Resources Conservation Services); Kevin Cassel (Olelo); Betty Uejo, Kenji Uejo (Pearl City Community Association); Keoke Behic (Pearl City High School Chargers Coach); Kent Kitagawa (State Department of Health – State Laboratories Division); Rodney Arias (Wal-Mart General Manager); Leo Garcia, Natasha Garcia, Ann Hansen, Ken Harmeyer, Lois Miyashiro, Herbert S. M. Pang, Myrna Sugiyama, Aldric Ulep, Julie Ulep; Rachel M. Glanstein (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Duncan led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPOINTMENT TO FILL ONE (1) VACANCY: There were no interested parties to fill the vacancy.

REMINDERS OF TIME LIMIT POLICY AND PROCEDURES ON INPUT, COMMENTS, RESPONSES AND PRESENTATION OF AGENDA ITEMS: Chair Fukushima reminded everyone that smoking is not allowed on the school campus grounds. He summarized the time limit policy as follows – ONE minute for comments; THREE minutes for reports; FIVE minutes for presentations already given at the Committee Meeting, TEN minutes for new presentations; ONE minute for comments/questions/responses; recognition from the Chair is required to speak; microphones should be used when speaking; all cell phones should be turned off or put in "silent" mode. Chair Fukushima asked government representatives to please limit their oral reports to one subject matter.

EMERGENCY AGENCY REPORTS:

HONOLULU FIRE DEPARTMENT (HFD) – Act. Capt. J. Love provided the following information:

- 1) March statistics – 2 structure, 1 brush, 4 rubbish and 4 vehicle fires; 68 medical and 29 miscellaneous emergencies.
- 2) Fire Safety Tip – Cooking fires are the leading cause of home fires and the second major cause of death among older adults. If you are cooking and must leave the kitchen, even for only a few minutes, turn off the stove. Keep a fire extinguisher (with a minimum rating of 2A10BC) in or near your kitchen and learn how to use it. Inspect the fire extinguisher regularly to ensure that it has not expired.

Takahashi commented that he heard that HFD will let the rain put out fires, if possible. Act. Capt. Love answered that the fire captain or chief will make the determination depending on the situation.

HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT (HPD) – Sgt. L. Go gave the following statistics for March: There were 33 auto thefts, 10 auto theft recoveries, 18 burglaries, 28 criminal property damage and 32 unauthorized entries into



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motor vehicles (UEMVs). There were a total of 7,054 calls for service in District 3, with some 1,628 calls (23.08%) from the Pearl City area.

Lt. G. DeMello reported the following:

- 1) Regarding the chemical spill near Waiau Elementary School on February 28, no citations were issued by HPD; the matter has now progressed from the Oahu Civil Defense Agency (OCDA) to the appropriate authorities, the Attorney General and the State Department of Health (DOH). Lt. DeMello will inquire further to find the result and will report back to the Board.
- 2) The U.S. Navy contact for bike path (the Pearl Harbor Historic Trail) problems is Admiral Walter Doran. He can be reached by calling 471-3769 or sending mail to him, Admiral Walter Doran, Commander for the Pacific Fleet, c/o Public Affairs Office, 250 Makalapa Drive, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii 96860.
- 3) The bike patrol will begin next week, depending on who's available, and will monitor the bike path.
- 4) Regarding the Sportsmen Lounge, the Honolulu Liquor Commission (LIQ) liaison working on the issue is no longer there. The bar will be closed for renovations in order to appeal to older customers and the format will be changed to quiet the noise.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- 1) Furutani described the illegal parking and drug activity on Hooli Circle. Lt. DeMello replied that they are aware of the problems and requested Furutani to report the illegal parking and officers will cite the cars.
- 2) Takahashi asked if a Shaolin nightstick may be carried. Lt. DeMello asked to see it after the meeting; he explained that double-edged knives and switchblades are illegal. He added that 200 illegal knives were picked up from a vendor at the Stadium flea market.
- 3) Chair Fukushima requested HPD monitor the Waiau District Park, since the parking lot gates have been left open numerous times at night. Lt. DeMello will forward the concern to the midnight watch and make it a priority; he requested residents call HPD if they see the parking lot open late at night, but pointed out that officers may have to respond elsewhere sometimes.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) – No representative present. Chair Fukushima noted that he received a call stating the supervisor couldn't attend, but he didn't receive the report as promised.

The agenda was taken out of order to hear Representative K. Mark Takai report, since he had to leave.

ELECTED OFFICIALS: REPRESENTATIVE K. MARK TAKAI – Rep. Takai distributed a flyer for the next Aiea/Pearl City town meeting, a copy of a letter to the LIQ about Sportsmen Lounge, and highlighted the following:

- 1) The Kamehameha Highway Task Force will be moving forward soon with some immediate fixes for the Kamehameha Highway/Kaahumanu Street intersection and the Kamehameha Highway/Kaaha Street intersection. Some beautification and traffic improvement ideas have been introduced. Pearl Ridge Shopping Center has offered to display the plans for Kamehameha Highway.
- 2) The night construction on the H-1 freeway is complete – only the patching of the five segments used to test different types of concrete remains.
- 3) The next Aiea/Pearl City town meeting is on Monday, May 22, at the Pearl Ridge Elementary School cafeteria, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The theme is "An Evening with the Mayor". Call 587-7200 for details.
- 4) Sportsmen Lounge – Rep. Takai has been trying for a long time to shut down the bar. He drafted a letter of support to add to the documentation given to LIQ.
- 5) The legislative session will be wrapped up by next Thursday, May 4. There is a budget hearing tonight at 7 p.m. He doesn't know the funding status of the Pearl City Intergenerational Center, although there may be

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some initial discussion about it tonight. The budget should be closed by tomorrow and more information will be available by Monday at the latest.

The agenda was resumed.

PRESENTATIONS:

AWARDING OF CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT – Publicity/Refreshments (P/R) Committee Chair Imamura-Uruu presented certificates to the following:

- 1) Natasha Garcia, for qualifying as a semi-finalist in the Build-A-Bear Workshop's Huggable Heroes program by being a champion advocate for a Type 1 juvenile diabetes cure and helping to pass legislation that provides for trained personnel in schools to administer medicine to diabetic children who experience severe low blood sugar emergencies. Imamura-Uruu mentioned the high rate of diabetes in the Pearl City area.
- 2) Leeward District Spelling Bee winner Jordan Komoda and runner-up Aldric Ulep, and their teacher, Ann Hansen.
- 3) Keoke Behic, for being the 2006 All-State Girls Softball Coach of the Year; Marina Gusman-Brown, for being the 2006 All-State Girls Softball Player of the Year; and Corrie Nishikida for being the 2006 All-State Girls Softball Pitcher of the Year.

Isaac Hokama, the Mayor's representative, presented certificates of recognition from the Mayor for the three individuals maintaining the E Komo Mai Pearl City sign: Seichi Nagai, Kenji Uejo and Shigeo Ushiro. He thanked them for their selfless spirit of volunteerism and aloha.

APRIL 2006 YARD OF THE MONTH – P/R Committee Chair Imamura-Uruu presented a Certificate of Recognition to Betty and Kenji Uejo of Hoomoana Place in Momilani for being the April 2006 Yard of the Month Award recipient.

WAL-MART/SAM'S CLUB COMMUNITY SHUTTLE SERVICE – PROPOSAL BY E NOA TOURS – Chair Fukushima deferred this item, since there was no representative present from E Noa Tours. He detailed the proposal of a shuttle service to serve the Pearl City area and transport senior citizens to the shopping centers. Wal-Mart in Mililani has a similar service. Input is wanted from the community on this idea and possible stop locations.

COMMUNITY REPORTS:

BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY (BWS) – Lan Yoneda circulated information about the BWS rate changes and reported the following:

- 1) There was one main break in March. The 70-year old eight-inch cast iron main broke at 735E Kamehameha Highway on March 19. The water was shut off at 6 p.m. and turned back on before midnight.
- 2) BWS rates are among the nation's lowest and haven't risen in nearly 11 years. At the same time, the costs of providing service have grown steeply – electrical power, construction materials, fuel and labor costs continue to rise. For more information about the rate increases, call 748-5311.
- 3) The repaving work on Hoomailani Street was contracted out and awarded on March 30, 2005. The completion date should be in approximately one week. The cost of the repaving is \$14,000.

Chair Fukushima asked if there was a project planned for lower Manana. Yoneda will follow up.

LEEWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE (LCC) – Mike Pecsok relayed the following announcements:

- 1) Experience the stars of Hawaii's culinary world through the Taste of the Stars 2006 event on Saturday, May 6, from 6 to 9 p.m. The food provided will be from 22 of Hawaii's best known restaurants. The event will benefit LCC's culinary programs. Tickets are \$100. Call 455-0215 for more information.

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- 2) The Fourth Annual Digital Arts Showcase is being held on Saturday, May 13, from 4:30 to 7 p.m., at the Academy Art Center at Linekona, 1111 Victoria Street. The showcase includes animation, digital art, digital video, illustration, photography and web design.
- 3) On May 12, the class of 2006 will graduate. The summer session begins on May 22.

No representatives were present to give the Pearl City Library and Board of Education updates.

RESIDENTS' CONCERNS:

PEARL CITY AREA PARKS AND RECREATION PROJECTS – Robert Sato, from Councilmember Okino's Office, provided the following updates:

- 1) Pearl City District Park Gym – The gym will continue to be closed for an undetermined period of time while repairs to the roof are completed.
- 2) Pacific Palisades Community Park – The major components of the improvement have been completed. However, since the entire project will not be accepted until an inlet drainage pipe and landscaping is finished (which may take at least six weeks for the grass to grow in), there is no definite date as to when the parking lot will be opened for use. Earlier this month two trees fell in the park: one in the ball field and another near the volleyball court, damaging the volleyball fence and one light pole. The heavy rains and high wind last month are believed to be the cause of the uprooting of the trees. The City Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) is in the process of evaluating the safety of the remaining trees at the park.

Chair Fukushima referred the Pacific Palisades Community Park Improvements matter to the Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) Committee.

H-1 VIADUCT WIDENING AND HOMELESS PROBLEM – Scott Ishikawa distributed pictures of the H-1 Freeway, a flyer for the Click It or Ticket program, and conveyed the following:

- 1) Wal-Mart and the State Department of Transportation (DOT) are still discussing the traffic studies. DOT has sent the plans focusing on the Waimano Home Road and Kamehameha Highway areas back to the consultant. He noted that once DOT accepts the plans, then they must take responsibility for the results. Ishikawa will keep the Board updated.
- 2) DOT has finished pouring the concrete on the H-1 Freeway Waimalu exit, with the weather's cooperation. The five test strips of different types of materials needs to be studied and then paved over. The type of concrete that is the most durable will be used to fill the H-1 East potholes and then the viaduct potholes. The project's estimated completion date is the end of June.
- 3) Click It or Ticket – Hawaii's seatbelt law requires those riding in the front seat to use their seatbelts, and those 17 years and under to use their seat belts in the back seat. The fine is \$92. The program will run from May 15 to June 3. Ishikawa shared that over 95% of people in Hawaii wear seatbelts, but he has seen many incidents and so requested everyone to wear their seatbelts. In an accident, once a human is ejected from the car, the survival rate decreases quickly.
- 4) Regarding the homeless in the DOT baseyard, HPD and DOT went in on April 5 and arrested some people. The area was being used a "chop shop". They've hired a private contractor to dispose of hazardous materials and cars. Concrete barriers will be brought in to fill up the open areas. Ishikawa couldn't discuss the issue for the past few months, so as not to jeopardize the operation.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- 1) Kent Kitagawa asked if DOT could put a bigger sign up for the H-1 Waimalu exit. Ishikawa answered that the new sign will be going up soon.
- 2) Ken Harmeyer announced his candidacy for City Council and inquired if DOT is pushing Wal-Mart to make more space on the roads for trucks. Ishikawa responded that their plans haven't been accepted yet.

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WAL-MART/SAM'S CLUB GAS STATION CONSTRUCTION UPDATE – Donahue Fujii gave the following information: The gas station is in the permitting process with the City – approval is expected in the end of May or early June. The construction will begin in August and will finish at the end of the year. They are designing the widening of Makolu Street.

Rodney Arias, the General Manager of the Manana Wal-Mart, stated that the new gas station will be the biggest gas station that's available to the public. Sam's Club members will receive a discount. The gas station will open one hour earlier than Sam's Club and close one hour later.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- 1) Chair Fukushima asked if the other two intersection plans have been approved. Fujii replied that the Post Office gave tentative approval for the Acacia Road improvements. Phases No. 3 and 4 are still with DOT.
- 2) Takahashi remarked that it seemed that the gas station will be complete before the road improvements are done. Fujii noted that Phases No. 3 and 4 are still with DOT. Chair Fukushima stressed that the road and traffic improvements must be finished prior to the gas station opening. He requested that representatives from Wal-Mart and Sam's Club keep in touch with the Board.

A recess was taken from 7:47 p.m. to 8:02 p.m. for refreshments. Imamura-Uruu thanked the anonymous donor for providing much of tonight's food.

Jerilyn Anderton arrived at 8:02 p.m., making eight (8) members present.

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

GOVERNOR'S REPRESENTATIVE – Claire Nakamura apologized for her absence at the March meeting, circulated a release from the State Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) advising the public to heed weather warnings and keep drainage ways clear and a fact sheet on an Airport Modernization Plan, and reported the following answers to February's questions:

- 1) The State Department of Public Safety's (PSD) Sheriff Division has had its inoperable motor vehicles removed from Waimano Ridge.
- 2) DOH reviewed this prior incident where patients of the Licensed Residential Care Home in Pearl City were allowed to leave the facility and wander in the neighborhood. As a result, the service provider has completed additional training on internal policies and procedures concerning its residential patients, including more vigilant monitoring of their whereabouts. The residence does meet all of the licensing requirements on number of patients, as well as the contract requirements for the resident-to-staff ratio. Should there be any further concerns on this matter, Steve Balcom – Crisis Services Director, Adult Mental Health Division, DOH – has graciously offered to take calls at his office (733-4489).
- 3) Hawaii Revised Statutes Section 342G-102(d) states that if the redemption rate for a fiscal year exceeds 70%, the bottle/container fee will increase from one cent to one and a half cents per container. This fee is different from the five-cent bottle/container deposit. Governor Lingle's administration introduced bills in the current 2006 legislative session to repeal the automatic statutory fee increase; unfortunately, to her knowledge, these bills were not heard by the legislature.
- 4) The State budgeted more than \$6 million for homelessness solutions on a recurring basis, and received a one-time allocation of \$935,000 from the State's "rainy day fund."

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- 1) Chair Fukushima asked if the Regional Bio-Safety Lab will be located at Kakaako, near the University of Hawaii (UH) Medical School facility. Nakamura responded that the bill to adjust the location of the lab was not adopted; she'll follow up.

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- 2) Chair Fukushima requested an update on the non-profit organizations providing homeless services that the Governor may give money to; he offered to put it on the agenda next month as a separate item. Nakamura will try to get a subject matter specialist to discuss the issue next month.

MAYOR'S REPRESENTATIVE – Isaac Hokama distributed the April Mayor's Newsletter and provided the following information and responses to last month's questions:

- 1) Sunset on the Beach will be held at Aloun Plains in Waianae this weekend (April 29 to 30).
- 2) May Day's 79th anniversary is on Monday, May 1 at Kapiolani Park.
- 3) Bulky items on Lehua Avenue were picked up during the week of April 17. This area will continue to be serviced on the third Wednesday of each month. Unfortunately, people are placing bulky items curbside at random times, which makes the neighborhood unsightly. Neighborhood Board assistance may be helpful in notifying people that they should put their bulky items curbside on the evening of the day before collection, in this case the Tuesday evening before the third Wednesday of the month and not before that time.
- 4) The gymnasium room at Pearl City District Park has a new single-ply membrane roofing system, which was recently installed under the current construction project, "Reroof Gymnasium and Miscellaneous Repairs at Pearl City District Park." The new single-ply membrane roof is appropriate for roofs that have little slope. The City Department of Design and Construction (DDC) is currently in the process of closing out the construction contract for the project. The new roofing system has a 15-year warranty, therefore, any and all roof leaks within the warranty period that are due to faulty materials or workmanship will be taken care of by the general contractor and/or roofing manufacturer.
- 5) A housing inspector from the City Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) went to 913 Hoomoana Street and observed a tarp erected in the unimproved sidewalk area. A Notice of Violation under Chapter 14, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu will be issued to the abutting property owner.
- 6) The City Department of Transportation Services (DTS) conducted a field investigation and determined that the existing traffic signal lights on Waimano Home Road are visible from the makai-bound right-hand lane. DTS checked their maintenance records and repaired a burnt out signal light in March 2006.

Questions, comments and concerns followed (Hokama will follow up):

- 1) Anderton thanked Hokama for getting the bulky trash picked up from Lehua Avenue, but pointed out that tall weeds still block the path of Lehua Elementary School students, which causes the same problem of forcing the children to walk in the street.
- 2) Imamura-Uruu reported that on Moanalua Road, the herbicide did kill the weeds, which she appreciated, but the herbicide needs to be continued on Moanalua Road all the way to Waimano Home Road.
- 3) Anderton stated that although HPD and the military worked to slow down traffic on Lehua Avenue going in and out of the military base, motorists are still speeding in and out of the peninsula. She noted that the speed trailer doesn't seem to work and asked if bumps or another traffic calming device could be used.
- 4) Furutani inquired if pool use hours in areas where people can't swim in polluted natural water be extended.

COUNCILMEMBER GARY OKINO – Robert Sato circulated the report and emphasized the following: Bill 27 (2006) Council Draft 1 (CD1), Bill 28 (2006) CD1 and Bill 29(2006) are the Legislative, Operating and Capital Improvement Budget bills for the FY 2007, respectively. Amendments to each of these bills were made at the Budget Committee meeting on March 11. A public hearing was held and the bills passed Second Reading at the Council meeting on April 12. The next Budget Committee meeting for further discussion and deliberation of these bills is scheduled for May 25. The bills will be acted on in June. At this point, there are no major changes to any projects in Pearl City.

SENATOR CLARENCE NISHIHARA – Larry Takahashi distributed the Legislative Update earlier, and Chair Fukushima read the following message: Sen. Nishihara and Legislative Analyst Bert Warashina are unable to

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attend tonight's meeting due to Conference Hearings every night this week. Sen. Nishihara stands on his legislative newsletter and requests that if there are any questions or concerns to please call him at 586-6970.

There was no representative present for Sen. David Ige. A representative from Rep. Takumi's office was not yet present. Rep. K. Mark Takai gave his report earlier in the meeting.

COMMUNITY INPUT:

MANANA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (MCA) – Chair Fukushima related that the Easter Egg Hunt on April 16 in the upper field of the Manana Neighborhood Park had a good turnout, with over 100 people attending.

APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 28 AND MARCH 28, 2006 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: Chair Fukushima deferred these items to next month's meeting.

MARCH 2006 TREASURER'S REPORT: Chair Fukushima indicated that the meeting mailout contained the March Treasurer's report, asked for any questions on it, and stated that it is filed. The Operating Account incurred expenses of \$158.70, leaving a balance of \$597.15, the Publicity Account incurred expenses of \$297.83, leaving a balance of \$479.55, and the Refreshment Account incurred expenses of \$106.83, leaving a balance of \$3.81.

COMMITTEE REFERRALS FOR ACTION/DEFERRAL:

EXECUTIVE – Chair Fukushima imparted the following information:

- 1) **Transfer of Board Funds: Refreshment Account to Operating Account** – The \$27.36 for resigning Board member David Lemon's last meeting should have come from the Operating Account instead of the Refreshment Account.

Chair Fukushima moved, on behalf of the Executive Committee, to transfer \$27.36 from the Operating Account to the Refreshment Account to cover David Lemon's farewell meeting, which was adopted unanimously 8-0-0. Chair Fukushima will write a letter detailing the issue to the Neighborhood Commission Office.

- 2) **Group Photographs for Website** – Board picture-taking is scheduled for the next meeting on May 23; these photos will be put up on the Board's website (<http://www.honolulu.gov/nco/nb21/index.htm>). He asked if the Boards will get their space back on the wall in City Hall to display their photographs.
- 3) **Appointment of Committee Chairs** – David Lemon's resignation caused vacancies in the Traffic and Transportation (TT) and the Development, Planning and Zoning (DPZ) Committees. Vina was appointed as Chair of the TT Committee, with Howton as Vice-Chair. Furutani was appointed as Chair of the DPZ Committee, with Vina as Vice-Chair.

HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE (HEW) – The following updates were provided:

- 1) **State Pandemic Flu Plan** – Chair Fukushima announced that there will be a DOH presentation on the plan at the next Board meeting on May 23.
- 2) **Hawaii Brownfields Forum – Report of April 5, 2006 Meeting** – Furutani reported that low interest loans will be offered to owners in industrial areas for them to clean up their waste, since the owners themselves are responsible for the clean-up. Chair Fukushima referred this item back to the HEW Committee.

The agenda was taken out of order to let Reid Seino give the report for Rep. Takumi.

ELECTED OFFICIALS: REPRESENTATIVE ROY TAKUMI – Reid Seino circulated the report, which included the results of Rep. Takumi's community survey, and noted that Rep. Takumi is in a Conference Hearing now.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- 1) Takahashi asked if the UH's \$600,000,000 budget includes the funding for the community colleges as well. Seino will follow up.

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- 2) Anderton inquired if Rep. Takumi would write a letter expressing his concerns about the Sportsmen Lounge, as Rep. Takai did. Seino will follow up on Rep. Takumi's position on the issue and request a letter.
- 3) Takahashi asked if the idea of creating a "junior kindergarten" to educate children earlier is merely planned or is in progress. Seino responded that the program is currently being conceptualized; they are investigating different possibilities. So far, the idea holds promise, but the details need to be worked out with the State Department of Education (DOE). Seino will keep the Board updated on the progress.

The agenda was resumed.

TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION (TT) – Committee Chair Vina highlighted the following:

- 1) **Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO) Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) Report** – The final report should be ready sometime in May.
- 2) **Honolulu High Capacity Transit Corridor Project** – Gary Omori, with the Public Involvement Team, was recognized to give this update: They are still working on the Alternatives Analysis. For this area, the route will travel along Kamehameha Highway. The two transit stations in Pearl City will be located at LCC (to help with school commuting) and in the Pearlridge area, but these stations are still subject to change. Omori would like to make another presentation, in detail, to update the Board and community on recent development, environmental impacts and cost. Chair Fukushima offered to have Omori give a full presentation at the June Committee meeting. Takahashi asked the cost of a rail system compared to an elevated rail system. Omori doesn't have that information yet. Chair Fukushima explained that the information will be available when the alternatives are finalized.
- 3) **Kamehameha Highway Improvements Task Force Report** – This item was reported on earlier, and Vina will report more information as it becomes available.
- 4) **Kipapa Gulch Bicycling Pathway** – David Bremer and Kevin Kinvig summarized the idea as converting an old agricultural road through Kipapa Gulch into a pathway for bicyclists and pedestrians. This pathway would connect Pearl City, Waipahu, Waipio, Mililani and Wahiawa. Currently those areas of Kamehameha Highway are not safe for bicyclists or pedestrians. The City needs to take this on as a project in order to receive federal funding to complete most of it.

Vina moved, on behalf of the TT Committee, to adopt the resolution requesting Honolulu City and County sponsorship of a Kipapa Gulch pathway for pedestrians/bicyclists on the old Kamehameha Highway, which was adopted unanimously, 8-0-0. (The resolution is attached.) Chair Fukushima thanked Bremer and Kinvig for attending the meeting and encouraged them to keep the Board informed.

DEVELOPMENT, PLANNING AND ZONING (DPZ) – Committee Chair Vina touched on the following:

- 1) **Participation in Koa Ridge Community Visioning Group** – There will be a meeting on May 3; he will report back next month.
- 2) **Hawaii Army National Guard Integrated Cultural Resources Management Plan Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) – Waiawa Gulch Facilities, Waihona Street** – He's currently reviewing this and will report back next month. Chair Fukushima requested someone from the National Guard to make a presentation at the Committee meeting.

LEGISLATIVE AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS (LCIP) – The following updates were given:

- 1) **Audit of the Neighborhood Board System** – No report.
- 2) **FY 2007 City Capital Improvement Project (CIP) Appropriations** – Chair Fukushima noted that when LCIP Committee Chair Fukuda returns next month, then the Board will make a recommendation on Bill 29 CD1.

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Chair Fukushima moved, on behalf of the LCIP Committee, to send a letter to the City Department of Budget and Fiscal Services requesting Community Development Block Grants (CBDG) funding for the Pearl City Intergenerational Center, which was adopted unanimously, 8-0-0.

PUBLICITY/REFRESHMENTS (P/R) – Committee Chair Imamura-Uruu reported the following:

1) April 2006 Yard of the Month –

P/R Committee Chair Imamura-Uruu moved, on behalf of the P/R Committee, to give the April Yard of the Month Award to James and Terri Walls of Komo Mai Drive in Pacific Palisades, which was adopted unanimously, 8-0-0.

- 2) Certificates of Recognition and Acknowledgement** – Next month, awards need to be given to the Highlands Intermediate School's chess, math and robotics teams.
- 3) Pearl City Graffiti Watch Program** – If a proposal is written, Wal-Mart will provide brushes and paints to paint out graffiti. Legislators can assist with this too.
- 4) Olelo Telecast of FY 2007 Regular Board Meetings** – Chair Fukushima explained that Board approval is required now if the meetings are to be telecast in FY 2007. He thanked Kevin Cassel for his excellent work on the telecasts. Chair Fukushima has asked Cassel to see if the Board could get additional timeslots, in the same way that the Kailua Board does. Cassel noted the presence of a new Olelo channel and related that he put in a bid to also get the Pearl City telecasts played on Sunday nights, from 6 to 9 p.m.

Furutani moved, and Duncan seconded, to appropriate the FY 2007 Publicity Account funds to do Olelo telecasts of Board meetings, which was adopted unanimously, 8-0-0.

The agenda was taken out of order to hear the report for the Pearl City Community Youth.

COMMUNITY INPUT: PEARL CITY COMMUNITY YOUTH (PCCY) – Brett Bulseco emphasized the following: He works with teenagers in Pearl City and a new big problem is the all-age dance parties. These parties often have 11- to 12-year olds staying out till 1 a.m. with adults. Some of these dance parties are advertised as "foam dances", which greatly obscure visibility. These parties could possibly attract pedophiles and there is no supervision. Some non-profit organizations are using this type of activity to raise funds for their projects, and Bulseco feels that it's exploiting children. The PCCY held some age-specific dances, away from the school that were enjoyed by both children and their parents. He will return to the Board to request support for PCCY's dances and to help get other communities involved.

Chair Fukushima referred this issue to the HEW Committee and asked Bulseco to attend the May 16 Committee meeting; he will try to attend.

The agenda was resumed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1) Chair Fukushima noted that the Board can't get involved in landlord-tenant or neighbor-to-neighbor issues.
- 2) The next Committee meetings are scheduled for **Tuesday, May 18, 2006**, 7 p.m., at the Highlands Intermediate School cafeteria.
- 3) The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 23, 2006**, 6:30 p.m., at the Highlands Intermediate School cafeteria.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Submitted by: Rachel M. Glanstein, Neighborhood Assistant



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RESOLUTION REQUESTING HONOLULU CITY AND COUNTY SPONSORSHIP OF A KIPAPA GULCH PATHWAY FOR PEDESTRIANS/BICYCLISTS ON THE OLD KAMEHAMEHA HIGHWAY

WHEREAS, The State-(DOT)-owned, paved roadway known as the Old Kamehameha Highway through Kipapa Gulch can provide bicycle and pedestrian access from Mililani to the Central Oahu Regional Park and other destinations including Honolulu and Leeward Oahu; and

WHEREAS, Kamehameha Highway, the only road toward Honolulu from Mililani other than the H-2, has no pedestrian access and was declared unsafe for bicyclists by the State DOT more than a decade ago; and

WHEREAS, The State DOT is willing to quitclaim ownership of the Old Kamehameha right-of-way to the City and County of Honolulu; and

WHEREAS, The U.S. military, under a non-exclusive lease with the State DOT, has ceased regular use of the old road since deactivating the former fuel-storage site; and

WHEREAS, The Kipapa Gulch proposal is supported by the Neighborhood Boards in the surrounding communities of Waipahu and Mililani (NB #s 22, 25, 35), the Central Oahu Regional Park Advisory Committee, Castle and Cooke Homes Hawaii, Inc., the Pacific Health Community, Inc., the Oahu Resource Conservation and Development Council, and the Hawaii Bicycling League; and

WHEREAS, The Kipapa Gulch Pathway is listed as a top Priority I (Near-term) proposal in the 2003 Bike Plan Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, With City and County of Honolulu sponsorship, the pathway proposal will become eligible for application for 80 percent federal-funding support through Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO); and

WHEREAS, The Department of Parks and Recreation manages, maintains, and operates all recreational facilities of the City; and

WHEREAS, The mission of the Department of Parks and Recreation is to enhance the leisure lifestyle and quality of life for the people of Oahu through active and passive recreational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, The opening of the Kipapa Gulch Pathway will promote alternatives to automobile commuting, satisfy a requirement of the Central Oahu Regional Park EIS requiring pedestrian access to the park from surrounding communities, provide a scenic and historic pathway, and enhance the health, safety, and enjoyment of community residents; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That Neighborhood Board No. 21 requests the City and County of Honolulu sponsor the planning, construction, and maintenance of the Kipapa Gulch Pathway; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be transmitted to Mayor Hannemann, Councilmember Garcia and all members of the City Council, the City Departments of Transportation Services, Planning and Permitting, and Parks and Recreation, Governor Lingle, the State Department of Transportation, all Neighborhood Boards, City Bicycle Coordinator Chris Sayers, State Bicycle Coordinator Neal Honma, the Central Oahu Regional Park Advisory Committee, Castle and Cooke Homes Hawaii, Inc., the Pacific Health Community, Inc., the U.S. Army Hawaii Public Affairs Office, the Oahu Resource Conservation and Development Council, and the Hawaii Bicycling League.

Adopted unanimously (8-0-0) at the April 25, 2006 meeting of the Pearl City Neighborhood Board No. 21.

